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For: POLYHYDROXYALKANOIC	)	
ACID HAVING ESTER,	:	
CARBOXYL OR SULFONIC	)	
ACID GROUP, AND	:	
PRODUCING METHOD	)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371, no copies of such documents are enclosed. Copies of the other listed documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is, in part, to make of record documents cited in the International Search Report and the Written Opinion issued in the international application of which the subject application is a national stage. Copies of the Search Report and the Written Opinion are enclosed.

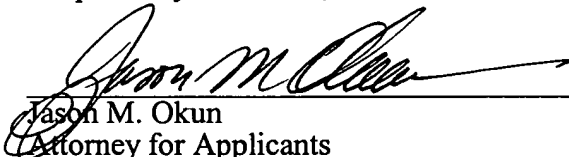
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found, *inter alia*, in the above-mentioned Search Report, Written Opinion and/or in U.S. Patent No. 6,156,429, which is in the same patent family.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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